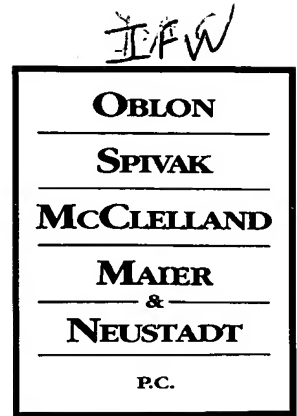




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Respectfully submitted,

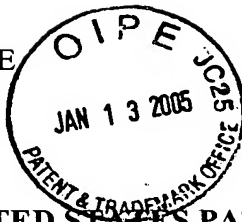
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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.178(b), Applicants note that on August 10, 2004, a third party filed a request for an ex parte reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,278. On August 12, 2004, the Patent and Trademark Office assigned the reexamination request Reexamination Application Serial No. 90/007,164. On October 5, 2004, the Patent and Trademark Office granted the request for an ex parte reexamination. Applicants respectfully submit that Reexamination Application Serial No. 90/007,164 and the present Reissue application examination should be merged. See, e.g., 37 CFR § 1.565(d) and MPEP § 2285 (II)(B).

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